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SUCKERS" AND TIMBER BAIT.

"Suckers" are still blting, in East-ern states, at Oregon's timber land halt. Now comes an attorney of Michigan, Danhof by name, dangling timber acres of the Oregon & California Railroad grant before eighty-one eager individuals of his part of the country and hooking them into the United States Court as "intervenors" in the suit of the Governwrest the land away from the railroad. Other eager ones in various Eastern states are likely vic-tims of lawyers angling for fees and business. They all seek to claim the land as "actual settlers" and pay the railroad \$2.50 an acre therefor, although they never saw the tracts want and probably never will, and of course can come no nearer than 2000 miles to filling the essential requirements of residence on the land and improvement thereof.

Attorney Danhof sets up that his clients are willing to begin actual settlement if the railroad on its side ould comply with the original terms the land grant. But the first of the land grant. necessary move is that of the settlerhe must make his home on the land grant was made for the purpose of planting settlers on the land and it expressly shuts out all other per-sons. No other man or woman, therefore, can establish the slightest claim to any railroad tract.

Nor does this statement of the case imply that actual settlers can establish a valid claim. That is a doubtful question for the courts to decide. The final decree may take many years and death and dissolution may outrace it. Besides, if the Government should wrest the land away from the railroad the tracts may be at once "Pinchotized" - barred from settlement and use

The original intent of Congress is clear. The high-handed violation of the law by the railroad through a generation is perfectly plain. The injustice to individuals is manifest. The resultant blight on the progress of the country is widely visible. But through the maze of law and quibble the final outcome for the actual setther is cloudod. But it may be ac-cepted as a verity that for any than actual settlers there can be no valid claim.

Repeated warnings of The Oregonian have deterred many persons from this foolhardy game. But It seems that the warnings need to be repeated often.

HOW JAPAN DID IT. "The Real Triumph of Japan," a book by Dr. L. L. Seaman, three years ago, is a work of unusual value, worth study by all the world. The book demonstrates that the victory of Japan over Russia was won, not

and results are in contrast with those so strongly depicted by Kinglake, in his "History of the Crimean War." where the inefficiency makes the heart sick to read it. Intelligence, and use of it, is all there is in the activities of men in this world.

THE SURE TENDENCY.

"Socialism," says an English newspaper, "was bound to come upon us with the adoption of an educational system negligent of the people's manners, morals and industries, but in-sistent on académic trifles and intellectual gymnastics." In our State of Oregon we are getting similar results from similar causes. We are training twenty times as many **lntellectuals" as can possibly obtain employment under government or in the

professions." not to be supposed, however, that statement of this fact will make difference whatever in the tendency of the times-how, or for a long But it's just as well to un perfod.

derstand the tendency and movement. nevertheless. Our educational system is rapidly working us towards state socialism. This, apparent new to dis-creet observers, will become more and more apparent to the whole body, with progress of time.

"But what are you going to do about it?" Nothing. It is impossible to arrest a tendency in a great people. The tendency must run its course. Then something else will be done But every observer and thinker long time has perceived that the tendency of our educational system is towards state socialism. Indeed, the system is socialism itself.

THE FUTURE OF HUNTING.

It is all very well to go hunting in automobiles as sportsmen now 0.0 from Salem, Roseburg and othe ley towns. That method has decided advantages over the old pack horse system. Certainly it is preferable to the primitive device of threading the forests afoot with a heavy gun across one's shoulder. Still even the automobile leaves

omething to be desired. There cliffs which it cannot scale. We do not exactly see how it could proceed comfortably over fallen timber. There are rivers which it cannot swim. Ripely considered it has many drawbacks as a hunting vehicle. Perhaps the worst of all is its incapacity to protect the sportsman from wild beasts. A grizzly bear might assault one in spite of all an automobile could do to hinder unless there happened to be a clear track ahead. angry eagle might swoop down on a hunter in a car almost as readily as

upon a horseman. From all these disadvantages the flying machine is free. It is speedier than the automobile. Mountains forests, precipices, rivers offer no serious obstacles to its career. By skim-ming along just above the tree tops one could discern game otherwise invisible. But its greatest merit is its complete safety. Firing at a grizzly from a height of three or four thousand feet the hunter need apprehend no danger from his rage. The most ferocious eagle could do him no harm because he could sail far above it and dispatch it at leisure by shooting from cerulean altitudes. The retrieval of game shot from a flying machine might present intractable problems, and yet why should it not be possible to evolve a breed of dogs which could descend in parachutes, seize their predrawn up again by a special, rapid-acting engine? We expect to see the hunting of the future done

in aeroplanes.

EXPENSIVE TOYS. The unprecedented demand for expensive Christmas toys this year may mean nothing more portentous than that most buyers have money which they are eager to be rid of. How any large number can be in that ensecretary, Walter Lounsdale, has said that Loose was employed for the pur-pose "merely of checking records viable situation is hard to understand made by the doctor" and "purely to when we remember the cost of living merely by fighting, but in larger de-gree by enforcement of sanitary regu-meat, clothing, all go higher and satisfy his own (Cook's) curiosity." Loose has averred under oath that higher and still happy parents find he was hired to fabricate observations money in some way to purchase toy for Cook for proper places and times, engines, sumptuous dolls and gorand that he made such observations for submission to the University of Copenhagen. For this work Loose, geous picture books at prices never before equaled. Truly we are together with a man named Dunkle, marvelous people. Perish the thought that we are going in debt for Christ-mas gifts. The chances are that the who acted as agent for Loose in presenting him, was to receive \$4000 and debt is incurred at the grocery while Loose was to receive an additional \$500 should the observations pass expert cash is paid for the toys scientific scrutiny. Loose and Dunkle After all it is natural that gifts for children should become more costly year by year. Johnny's pa being a aver, however, that they were paid only \$260 up to the time of Cook's self-respecting citizen cannot abide disappearance and that they have been unable to collect the rest of the see Tommy Jones playing with more money due them. Now Loose declares expensive toys than his own son he has been offered \$4000 to repudipossesses. Mrs. Flintsoup wants her little girl to have as gorgeous a doll as anybody else. The whole process ate his affidavit and Captain B. S. Osbon, secretary of the Arctic Club, is as natural and inevitable as the has announced in New York that Loose is preparing to deny the truth race for the biggest battle fleet among the nations. Yet it is very questionof his sworn statement. Whatever Loose did for Cook's able whether children get more enjoyment from their sumptuous toys of today than they did from the rag "proofs," his engagement was of most unusual and suspicious looking sort. dolls and horn-handled jack knives All the parties admit that they had business dealings. Cook's secretary says Loose merely "checked observayesteryear. A child's happiness depends on its tions" and "was placed in possession of observations made by Dr. Cook in capacity for enjoyment more than on the cost of its playthings. In a normal youngster this capacity is pretty nearly boundless. It makes capari-soned steeds out of broomsticks and the Arctic and North Pole regions." But why was it necessary to "check' the records? What truth will be acroyal dames out of slips of paper. Its best friend is the imagination, cepted in them after such treatment? The original records of Cook's obwhich is dulled, not stimulated, by a load of rich toys. The more our gifts approach the reality of serious life servations, untouched and unaitered, are the only proofs that the world will believe. It seems Cook could not submit these records to the University the more danger we run of dulling the childish imagination, wrecking the of Copenhagen until after Loose had "checked" them. Cook's delays, his disappearance and his traffic with world of fancy in which our little ones thrive, and irretrievably marring the freshness of existence for them. se are damaging to his veracity Property lies in case of and reputation. But what type of

Canal is completed and when we have the world for a market, but already within his lifetime he has seen an expansion that has brought the we exports by water to a figure far in excess of those for an entire year during the era when he first entered the Business on the Columbia River. He has seen a gradual increase in the

ize of the ocean carriers leaving the Columbia River, until today the mamnoth freighters from Portland not infrequently carry more lumber than would load to their capacity twenty of the old-time carriers. Captain Simpwas not only a ploneer in the lumber business on the Columbia River, but he was the principal owner in the first tug to establish a permanent towing service at the entrance of the Columbia River. The Knapp-ton plant under its new ownership may gradually cease to be known as one of Simpson's mills, but the name of its founder has become inseparably linked with the lumber and shipping interests of the Columbia River.

MR. ASQUITH AND THE IRISH. To offset the Irish policy of the British liberals the tories will naturally raise the old bug-a-boo of "dis memberment of the empire" and do their best to galvanize it into a semblance of vitality. But they are not likely to succeed as well with the trick as they did when Gladstone proposed to give home 'rule to Ireland The issue of the land taxes, together with critical social questions and the constitutional position of the Lords obscures Mr. Asquith's Irish policy more or less. It is not by any means the burning issue of the campaign for English voters. Moreover the

Premier has hedged his home rule proposal so effectually with safe guards for the imperial authority that it will be hard for the tories to make anything very frightful out of it. H offers Ireland nothing more than the legislative power which the separate states of the American Union enjoy. to be limited strictly to local 's. Matters of concern to the affairs. empire will be handled in London as

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heretofore. tories can not be hindered from shricking "dismemberment," but the liberals can answer them by point-

ing to the United States. Local legisatures do not impair the stability of this nation. Why should they tend to dismember the British Empire? The truth of the matter is that the tories are afraid to treat the Irish decently. They know that the sister Island has been wronged for hundreds of years. They suspect that an Irish parliament would show resentment for the people's sufferings by anti-English legislation. Hence the wrongs of the past are made the excuse for ever

renewed wrongs and the Irish policy of the tories, by a sort of necessity moves in a vicious circle. Now that Mr. Asquith has come out squarely for rational home rule, he ought to be able to count upon the

undivided support of the Irish members. Their policy of tying them-selves to neither party and trading back and forth according to circumstances is a good one in the main perhaps, but it involves dangers. If Tt might possibly impair the trustworthi-ness of their promises and cause both liberals and tories to fall into the habit of driving hard bargains with them. It really looks now as if the time had come for the Irish to cement a firm alliance with the liberals. may obtain from grateful friends more substantial favors than they ever hope to extort by fear from transient and reluctant allies

WERE COOK'S RECORDS "DOCTORED"?

Whatever the dispute about the service of Captain Loose to Dr. Cook, we know that the service had to do with Cook's "records" and "proofs" of alleged polar discovery. Cook's

the most abject slave of the Congo State, maimed at the behest of Leopold's greed for gain-would not will ngly change places with him. This 'lf." however, interposes between in elligent thought and ruthless decree, and is mercifully inclined to let the reprobate King rest, with his empty titles, in a royal tomb.

The thoughts of his late subjects turn with hope toward his successor. Prince Albert, who brings to the Belgian throne the public and private virtues that befit the modern ruler. Extensive travel has broadened his mind and he is said to have been a close student of politics and eco The Belgians, while sorrownomics. ing dutifully for the death of Leopold II, are prepared to accord a loyal welcome to Leopold III. They will in due time, no doubt, rejoice in the change from an austere, sordid and selfish ruler to one who is amiable and generous and sufficiently demo-cratic in his tastes to be and keep in touch with his intelligent subjects

The Pennsylvania Railroad Com pany completed within recent months one of the costliest ventures in the history of railroad building in the United States-i. e., a tunnel under Manhattan Island from the Jersey shore to Long Island. It has thus at a cost of many millions made the great city an over-head way-station The rallroad may now carry its lines to the eastern end of Long Island the view of establishing swift tide-water connection for trans-Atlantic business. The triumph is a stupendous one for rallroad engineering and bold financiering. It is an open question, swaiting the solution of business events, whether it would not have been a saner and therefore better policy for the company to adhere to its advantageous tide-water terminals at the port of Philadelphia, and from that point of vantage to fight the battle for land and water traffic, than to have burdened itself vast indebtedness it has in the curred in bringing its trains to tide water by burrowing under the mighty city to which, after all, all channels of trade

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SANE GRAZING AND CONSERVATION No Conflict Between the Sheep Indus

CORVALLIES, Or., Dec. 16.-(To the Editor.)-The statement made by J. G. Edwards, in Sunday's Oregonian rel-ative to the grazing of the reserves merits the serious consideration of every citizen of this state. This poi-icy of the Forestry Bureau is threat-ening the existence of an important agricultural industry, an industry that yields annually to the revenues of the agreenterral industry, an industry that yields annually to the revenues of the state from \$5,900,000 to \$10,000,000. There is apparently no occasion for this discouragement, as the reserves are capable of sustaining as many sheep at present as they ever have in the past. The loss of the Hay Creek flock is a calmity to the sheep industry of past. The loss of the Hay Creek flock is a calamity to the sheep industry of this state. This flock is rated as being one of the best, if not the very best flock of fine wooled sheep in the world. It has consumed a generation of time and entailed large expense to build up this magnificent flock, and now to have it destroyed through the whims of an t destroyed through the whims of an adividual should call for a vigorous protest.

The whole forestry grazing policy is modeled after New England ideas, which are totally impracticable in the great West. The present policy is generally believed to be a covert at-tempt to break up the large flocks. Measured from a New England small-farm standpolint this looks well. farm standpoint, this looks well

farm standpoint, this looks well in theory, but from a range viewpoint it is wholly visionary. Bange sheep husbandry in Eastern Oregon has been a slow, evolutionary process. Sheepmen have gradually sur-mounted one obstacle after another, until at present the industry is well systematized. They have suffered vi-clesting after vielsslinde, and dark clouds have hung heavily over the in-dustry, but now, after years of strug-gle and when the sunshine of prosper-ity appears, by a departmental ruling they are brought to realize that the very existence of their industry is threatened. threatened

threatened. The great question of grazing the reserves should not be don.insted by an individual, but rather should be en-trusted to the wisdown of a board or commission comprised of broad-minded and far-seeing men. Every business interest of the state should unite in an

increase of the state should unite in an effort to correct this evil. In this plen for the range sleep in-dustry there is no thought of underes-timating the value of forest conserva-tion, but rational grazing is in no way ncompatible with the best growth of the forest. JAMES WITHYCOMBE.

LET PORTLAND SAVE SHADE TREES Protest Against Too Much of "The City

we not not pause a moment occasionally to see how the finished product will ap-pear if we continue to "beautify" and "beautify" until we have slain and laid low all our lovely shade trees, than which no cluster lamps, no matter how bril-llant or gorgeous of design can be more satisfying or comforting to the out of republican government! That it was that elected an intense, dyed-

For myself, while I offer due thanks for adequate and modern lighting of the city, if not "done to death," I do affirm that no city can nook beautiful if the natural beauties are all elimi-nated and replaced (?) by things made with human hands, no matter how perfect in their way these crea-tions may be

The the Union Stockyards Tuesday, and the prices that were paid for steers and other animals. however, offer an excellent guarantee to stockmen that the Pacific Northone of delicate beauty. But no--crash go all those lovely growths of the changing years, things of inspiration and joy to everyone with beauty in his soul, to give place to a few stark, glittering baubies of electric lighting. It makes one's head ache, and I beg we save our trees instead of denud-ing our city of its plumy branches in order to acquire the baid glitter of a west now has at Portland one of the great stock markets of the country. The average per animal for a carload of steers was \$121.70, while another carload sold at an average of \$115.94 per head. These prices are certainly sufficiently attractive to induce farm order to acquire the bald glitter of : Coney Island. L. C. O. ers and stockmen not only to raise more stock, but to exercise care in

JEFFERSON-STREET DEPOT LAND.

and expressing their approval of par-ticular candidates for political office. The preamble of the primary law spe-cifically states that there shall be no interference with the practice of polit-ical parties in this regard. The words are as follows: Argument That It Should Revert From

HOW SHALL WE REPAIR BAD BLUNDER?

People Adopted Direct Primary Merely to Overthrow Boss System They Have an Elephant on Their Hands-Why Not the Assembly?

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 17.-(To the Editor) There has been so much said about Statement No. 1 and the direct primary that one would think them the end, rather -There has been so much said about Statement No. 1 and the direct primary hat one would think them the end, rather role on their side, are deserters of both than the means, of ultimate political onor and principles political.

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As a matter of fact, the people did not chose the direct primary because they believed it the acme of political perfec-tion-for they knew nothing of its prac-tical workings. They merely took it in an effort to set of the set of t The people never investigated the direct primary law, and didn't care much about it when they hastened to adopt it. The cry was, down with the convention sys-tem. While busy "downing" the conven-tion they did not look to see what weapon they chose with which to do their work. The weapon proved to be a double-edged sword. The wielders have received a slash for every stroke deliv-ered. ical workings. They merely took it in in effort to get rid of the so-called boss. The people would have accepted anything else just as readily, had the seer of Ore-gon City evolved some other political scheme whereby the people could be promised relief from the machinationshorrible machinations-of conven ion party workers.

Looking at the direct primary as a assing political cloud-a mistake, if you dease, in the hasty decision of the peopleases, pointeen cloud-a interact, if you pleases, in the hasty decision of the peo-ple-the faulty thing will soon pass. It is not the end, it is only one of the many steps of the people in political govern-ment. It is a mistake they will soon rec-tify. The people know now that the direct primary is not what they wanted nor what they eveneted it has failed to the convention system is thought to be responsible for the actions of its choice of representatives, when as a matter of fact, the best men are at times nominated by a convention who hurn out to be had politicians. The con-vention is then blamed for nominating him, instead of blaming him for going nor what they expected. It has failed to eliminate the besetting ovils and has rather enhanced them. It has created hypocrites out of honest voters. It has deceived the very elect. Give the intelli-gent voter another chance and he will eliminate the distribute of the will The convention, in itself, is the only reasonable method of maintaining govern-ment. But many people mistake the real cause when assigning to the convention eliminate this disturbing foreigner.

cause when assigning to the convention the filthy work of some of its selections. Who, in a convention, knows what the man chosen will do after elected? If the man betrays his party and his office-is the convention really to blame? The dele-sates acted to the best of their knowledge and discharged themselves with credit. What happens afterward should not be charged to the convention system. If a man secures nomination by decelt and secret workers, he is to be blamed, not the honest-minded delegates. The Ore-sonian has a volunteer correspondent who In so considering this political crisis, In so considering this political crists, would we not better be engaged in formu-hiting some plan for the future and not wasts all our time and ammunition pounding the present condition? The as-sembly has been suggested. It appears to meet with approval. But to what ex-tent will the idea meet with general sup-port? Of course, the Democrats and the base Republicans who have sold their political souis for the benefits accruling from the spoils incident to the direct primary will snear at the honest efforts of sensible men to substitute something primary will sneer at the honest efforts of sensible men to substitute something rational for this political wanton. They will again cry out that the old boas is asking to get back into power. Let them cry. Didn't their cry produce the adop-tion of the beautiful Statement No. 17 Will their cry bring a second adop-tion of this infamous thing? The Re-publicans who are eating at the primary crib, who have deserted their principle without a blush, are not only known, but thank God, they are exceedingly well known; better known than they think. Secretly, no doubt, many of them are asiamed of the way they have trod-but lows of gain may have the have trod-but love of gain goes hand in hand with near sightedness.

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If there is one thing above all other things political that the writer most dethings pointeal that the writer most de-vouldy prays for, it is this: That when-ever Republicans get into "business" again, these political snakes who have helped wreck the party, spat upon the honest principles of upright men, and betrayed their political souls, may never again be reconized. Let them be buried along with this popular fad and let the people remember them as instrumental in folsting upon them the fatal political inwhich put the Der trigue

will not soon forget the men. so-called Republicans, who deceived them. I do not blame the lucky Democrats. Their principle is to stampede the ranks of the

It Is Strictly in Accord With the Pri-Probably, but Not Certainly, an Agency mary Law. Oregon Observer (Grants PLos).

vaine in surgical operations at local hospitals have gone far to substan-tiate Professor Jonnesco's claims regarding its efficacy as an anesthetic. Medical science has exhibited no greater marvel than that of patients checrfully undergoing serious operations while fully conscious, yet in entire freedom from pain. Stovaine as an agent for deadening sensibility without inducing unconsciousness apparently more than realizes all the prom-

ises held out by cocaine. Further experiments with the power-ful anesthetic should be with a view to determine jis ultimate effect on the to determine jis ultimate effect on the nervous system. Chloroform has its dangers where the cardiac or renal action is weak. The use of an anes-thetic the efficacy of which is depend-ent on the artificial paralysis of the spinal cord must clearly be confined to competent hands. Stovaine is not for the general practitioner. Some fur-ther light on its after-results will be desized

and ding-donged at every corner, until the mole hill became a mountain. The govmole hill became a mountain. The gov-ernment was becoming so shaky it was failing into decay. Hoodwinked is the real term for the condition into which the

popular voter fell. He now sees that the ascendant malcontents are just as gre

STOVAINE, THE NEW ANESTHETIC

That Robs Operations of Terrors.

New York World. The successful experiments with stotion law or any other law that takes from the people the right to gather in

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lirect primary and Statement No. 1 would never have been heard of. Statement No. i merely "beat the other schemes to it," as they say on the street corner. Instead of spending time beating the direct primary and abusing the people, we ought to get together and formulate something reasonable. We must consider that the people adopted this monstrosity much as a drowning man catches at a straw. No one particularly "blames" a

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THE CONVENTION ASSEMBLY.

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conian has a volunteer correspondent who is busy keeping before the public by writing articles upon various subjects-automobiles, spiritualism, paving, reli-gion, etc., and this ex-politician, who was defeated in the convention, turned about and helped defeat the choice of the same convention. Hence, per se, the con-vention system is bad, filled with fraud, deceit, and artiful machinations, and all delegates are treacherous. delegates are treacherous.

Through the fault of a few of its representatives, the Republican party in Ore-gon fell into disrepute, which led to the adoption of the direst primary. If Jim Smith, Tom Jones or Bill Brown had con-cocted some political scheme offering a change in political life in Oregon, the

the forest.

"The assembly has sense enough

to select candidates, but the people haven't," is the distorted method of putting the argument against the as-Beautiful." PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(To the Editor.)— While we are in this surging wave of energy regarding "the city beautiful" may sembly or convention. But when a candidate is "selected" by a bare olurality over many more,-by third, one-fifth or one-tenth of the members of his party-is the "sense of the people" expressed in his nomi-Such sad bosh it is, the effort to cut the representative system

more satisfying or comforting to the esthetic taste. For myself, while I offer due thanks in-the-wool Democrat to the Senate front Oregon, after it had just given its vote, by an immense majority, for a Republican for President. Go hang Fortunately for consumers, 25 cents

per pound will not be the prevailing price for choice beef cattle in this tions may be. The trees now being sacrificed on Seventh street might just as well have been saved, and much better would have been the result, as there was room for the street lights among the trees, and the effect would have been one of delicate beauty. But no-crash on all those lovely screets of the may be

having what they do raise of a high

The latest deed of philanthropy to the credit of Mr. Nathan Straus is a gift deed for the house once occupied

Argument That it should Revert From Railroad to the Coffin Heirs. SALEM, Or., Dec. 16.-(To the Edi-tor)-I notice that Portland has at last a Councilman' who is going to see that the city is not robbed of its val-uable property. Of all the outrages ever perpetrat-ed under the name of the law, the de-cision that gave the river frontage on which is located the Jefferson-street

The method of naming candidates for elective public offices by political parties and voluntary political organizations is the best pinn yet found for placing before the people the names of qualified and worthy ciliaens from whom the electors may choose the officers of our Government. which is located the Jefferson-street

drowning man for catching at a passing straw, but the man on the "bank" knows and sees the futility of the expectation for help. The people were swamped with this corruption-politics reading matter

power and caused a Republican Legisla-ture to elect a Democratic Senator. The people will not soon forget this lesson in political economy. I hope they

not blame the fampede the ranks of the principle is to stampede the ranks of the other party and slip in during the panto. OBSERVER.

which enabled the men Japan to fight. Efforts hitherto unknown in war or peace were put forth to conquer the allent foe of armies, the diseases of the camp; to prevent men from rotting in their tents and barracks; to care for the wounded; to enforce most careful attention to sanitary regulations, so far as science had proved them, or even had suggested them. The result was that the mortality of war, which doesn't arise from the battle, but hitherto had always exceeded it, was reduced by the Japanese to a minimum theretofore unknown in war.

The details supplied by Dr. Seaman uply prove his position. He shows amply prove his position. that the efficiency of the Japanese camp regulations and hospital service made a new record in the military operations of the world, kept down mp sickness and disability, restored men weakened by the demands of military service to duty, and preserved that efficiency in the armies of Japan that astonished the world.

This contribution by Japan civilization, Dr. Seaman maintains, should take rank with other high achievements in the work of humanity, in the work of science and The work of Japan in her war with Russia is contrasted with that of the United States in the war with Spain. Our service was so raw that through its glaring faults the sacrifice of life from preventable causes amounted to fourteen times the number of those who fell in On the other hand in Japan's army four men were killed in battle casualties to one from disease

Elaborate description of the sani tary and hospital regulations of the Japanese armies are presented support the general statement and to account for the results. Japan's triumph was in the prevention of disease; in closest and most scientific stiention to camp regulations and supply and quality of food; in an efficiency of hospital service to an extent never before known. Therefore though the battles were as bloody as any recorded in history, and some of them-as those about Mukden and at the slege of Port Arthur-had few parallels for slaughter in the annals of humanity, yet Japan managed to preserve the life of her people to an extent not before known in war. The lesson is for all nations. Dr. Seaman calls it the real triumph of Japan-the conquest of the silent foc. H He quotes (appropriately) from Milton (Samaon Agonistes):

What boots it at one gate to make defense And at another to lot in the fee?

The method, indeed, was not original with the Japanese. They took the

mind would dare tell such a monu-OUR PIONEER LUMBERMAN. mental lie? Is it that of a man who The sale of Simpson's mill at Knappton, Wash., as announced in fears now the gaze and questionings of a grim-faced world? The Oregonian a few days ago, marks retirement from this field of one of the oldest ploneers in the lumber in-LEOPOLD AND HIS SUCCESSOR. dustry on the Columbia River. TO Upon the announcement of the witness the growth from its inc erious illness of King Leopold and to have been actively identified Belgium, presaging his early demise. for more than half a century with the press of two continents published such a mighty industry as the Coa synopsis covering the chief events of his long reign and the personal iumbla River lumber business is a distinction enjoyed by few if any other men beside Captain Simpson. characteristics that made him tested throughout Christedom. The Long before Portland came into prognosis of his case, based upon adas a lumber-shipping prominence as a lumber-shipping port, the Simpson mill at Knappton vanced age and serious bodily infirmity, was worked out in a few days, during which surgeons battled was dispatching cargoes to Australia, in vain for his life. Today his body lies upon a royal bler in Brussels South America, Africa, the Orient and Mexico, as well as to coastwise points awaiting the services that hefit his rank among the rulers of the Old in this country, and for a score of the building of the years before Knappton mill Captain Simpson was World.

shipping lumber from the Columbia. River

old theology, he has gone to be ex-alted or punished for "the deeds dond Captain Simpson may not live to in the body," the poorest peasant in the little kingdom of which he was see the Columbia River lumber inidea from the Germans and French, and carried it further. The methods tions it will attain when the Panama ruler for nearly half a century-nay, early,

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ducted on lines approved by modern science, i. e., on the principle that the best way to cure this malady is to prevent it.

by Grover Cleveland at Lakewood, N.

J., and stock valued at \$500,000 in

the Lakeview Hotel for a sanatorium

for children in the incipient stages of

tuberculosis. The retreat will be con-

Polk County teachers are taking up the matter of better spelling. This is a good move for other counties, now that nearly all young women are becoming or desire to become stenographers and typewriters. Errors that could be disguised in "a bad scrawl" stand out as clear as a lighthou when run through a machine.

> No: it is not asserted that the people haven't sense enough to nominate their candidates; but have a fifth or a tenth part of the people sense enough to nominate candidates that all the rest will support?

Yreka, ambitious of honors as capital of a new state, must be content with the fame of possessing the mos unique palindrome known, "Yreks undrome known, "Yreka What more should she Bakery.' desire'

James J. Hill says more homes are broken up by bad cooking than by any other cause of marital unhappi-ness. Hooray! We're glad one man has courage to speak up.

A 22-year-old rooster was an ataction at a Yakima poultry show. If course he was a two-legged one— but come to think of it, all roosters are built that way.

That Upper Willamette River steamer disabled during high water and "beached" in a potato field, will slide off in the dew some fine morning.

If it were not for the river nobody would wish to cross the drawbridge; there wouldn't be any city nor any

One never hears Santa Claus complain of the high cost of living. The kindly old gentleman revels in time

Arleta is said to hold the championship for back fence gossip. Arlets should improve in style and hold afternoon teas.

It is strange that one seldom gets back as much value in Christmas presents as he gives; or perhaps one only thinks so.

Mr. Buono is entitled to a vote thanks for his good work yesterday

But of course you won't quit shopping just because you didn't do it depot to a railroad company, is the most out and out confiscation. Stephen Coffin gave that property to the city for a public levee. If the Southern Pa-cific Railroad Company owns it, why does it nevrit the people to make a does it permit the people to make a boneyard of the river in front of it? honeyard of the river in front of it. For years and years everyone used that place on which to unload wood, gravel, sand, etc., and the worst part of it is that Mr. Coffin's heirs are all, or nearly all, poor men. One of his sons, Stephen, was on the police force for a long time. If the property referred to is not to

force for a long time. If the property referred to is not to be used as the donor intended it should be, it should revert back to the heirs. A lawyer will say "maybe the law will give the railroad the best of H." It surely did do so. But is such a court or such a law to be followed forever? There surely must be an honest court somewhere. All honest people should help Councilman Fills people should help Councilman Eilis win this fight.

J. W. BAKER.

The Morning Newspaper

Thomas E. Dockrell in Newspaperdom. A man may do without magazines, but he can't do without his newspaper. To carry on hitercourse with his neighbors, to become part of the world around him, he must read his newspaper. It brings him news of interest to himself and his him news of interest to himself and his relighbors, sometimes from the corners of the earth, sometimes from a nearby state, but more particularly of his own county, city, ward, and often of his own street and even the house he lives in. The magazine, the mails, the streetcar, the hillboard, the salesman all have their places, but the fundamental primary counselor sitting in the place of honor, whispering in our acr always able to

whispering in our ear, always able to enter our presence, is the newspaper. Before a man opens his mail in the morning at the office-he has read his

A Difference

Mexican Herald. Bebind President Taft's office table is the Constitution of the United States of America. His predecessor kept a

Big Gun for Small Game.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Secretary Knox's flery letter of Nica-ragua suggests the firing of a 13-inch gun at a sparrow.

rifle in the same place.

Ed. Howe's Philosophy

Ed. Howe's Philosophy. Atchison Globs A man is unailly as far from being a devil as a woman is from being an angel. You have predably, at some time, noted the resemblance of the critic to the grank. A man's friends are something like nat-ural gas: when he needs them most, the supply is apt to run short. "Although I have smoked all my life, I have never been able to find a smoking to-baseco that suited me."—Ben Davis. There never was a woman who loved her-hushand so much that she would not for-get him in making arrangements for a parity.

parity. A hoy enjoys cold weather, except when it is time to get up in the morning; a boy doesn't enjoy any kind of weather when it is time to get up in the morning. Tell a man a secret, and he talls it to his wife, and when she in turn repeats it, be has a great deal to say about a woman not being able to keep a secret.

Can anything be clearer from, t.e above than that the primary law templated the naming of candidates above than that the primary law con-templated the naming of candidates by political gatherings called together for the purpose? The Democratic party so understood it, and has persistently and consistently held party meetings to and consistently held party meetings to name candidates, whom they considered desirable. It was only the Republican party that wrongly interpreted the pri-mary law, and this serious error will now be corrected by the method rec-ommended in the preamble to that law. desired. It is nevertheless a triumph of med-ical research in a field which had only been entered a little more than half a century ago. "Laughing gas," the ear-liest of anesthetics, was first practi-cally applied in American dentistry in 1844. Ether, the introduction of which was also due to an American dentist, Dr. W. T. G. Morton, was employed in operations at the Massachusetts Gen-eral Hospital in 1846. Chloroform came into use a year or two later. The subsequent search for a local an-esthetic produced cocaine, the benefits of which in surgery have been to an desired

Of course, these meetings or conven-tions cannot nominate candidates; that is left entirely to the voters at the pri-mary electons. But these pollical gath-erings have an unquestionable right to recommend candidates for the support or otherwise of the voters, and that is what the Republican assemblies prowhat the Republican assemblies pro-

pose to do. The primary law provides that any citizen may be a candidate for any state or municipal office, provided that of which in surgery have been to an extent offset by its growing abuse as he files with the proper officer a petiextent offset by its growing abuse as a dangerous narcotic. In stovalme medical science appears to have found an agency which robs the operating table of its last terror and of most of its risks. The painless antiseptic surgery of today makes dif-foult a realization of the physical or-deal with its attendant dangers of blood-poisoning to which surgical pa-tients were exposed at a time within tion to that effect, signed by the requi-site number of qualified voters. This provision has general approval site number of qualified voters. This provision has general approval throughout the state, and no one can, or has any desire to, Interfere with it. The right of any person to be a candi-date for office as provided by the pri-mary law is not questioned, and these proposed Republican assemblies will in no way affect that right. no way affect that right. tients were exposed at a time within

Statues of the National Capital,

the memory of men yet living. In what field of progress has there been an ad-vance comparable in beneficent results with that attained by surgical science within two generations? Statues of the National Capital. Bringhed Union. William Eleroy Curtis, the newspaper of statues in the public grounds of the stational capital, that one of Genarad for the sublic grounds of the for the sublic grounds of the for the sublic grounds of the stational capital, that one of Genarad for the sublic grounds of the for the sublic ground of the botanic for the statue of Pulaski is provided as a for the statue of the botanic for the statue of the sublic ground of the for the statue of Pulaski is provided as a for the statue of Pulaski is provided as a for the statue of Pulaski is provided as a for the statue of the sublic ground of the sublic for the statue of the sublic statue of the statue of the for the statue of the sublic statue of the for the statue of the statue of the statue of the for the statue of the statue of the statue of the for the statue of th New York Mail. And now Pullman porters are to be prohibited from carrying a passenger's hand baggage. This limits the duties of a porter-by the way, the name loses its significance-to making up your both last, saying that we're a little late, put-ting sticky but volatile blacking on your shoes and whisking imaginary dust off your right shoulder.

ing. "For 15-cent cotion and \$1.25 wheat, he

Returns Not All In.

St. Paul Dispatch "Which is our foremost college?" asks a subscriber. It is impossible to tell this early after the close of the football sea-

Quaker Meditations

Philadeiphia Record Fine feathers make fine beds. Every rose has its bill from the florist. Beauty, being only skin deep, shouldn't e afraid of freckles.

A man of few words may have a double chin, but a woman, well Any man can build castles in the nir, but that shouldn't make him feel uppish.

We are told that all's well that ends ell, but a good, last act won't save a had

well, but a good, last act won't save a had play. The worst feature about putting things off till fomorrow is that someone is apt to do them today. The Cymical Bachelor rises to remark that the greatest bunco game in the world is that a man is up against when he judges a woman's smill before he marries her.

minal"--Punch. "So you were desply touched by the poem young Mr. Guffson wrote to you"" said Maude. "Yes," answered Maymie. "But it was not a good poem." "I don't care. It was just as much trouble for him to write it as if he had been Shakespeare."--Washington Star.

explained. Herewith we perceive his pose was really plutocratic -- New York Sun. plutocratia -- New York Sun. Bacon--Doesn't your wife get very impa-tiont because you are so long in hooking up her dress behind? Egbert-She used to be, but she doesn't now. You see, I get her to stand in front of a mirror.--Yonkers Statesman.

SQUIBS VARIORUM.

Cincinnatus arranged to be found plough-

Limiting the Porter's Duties.

"Pa, what is a pessimisi?" asked Willle. "A pessimist, my son," returned Mr. Big-head. "is a man who, with a whole pump-kin pie on the table before him, cannot see any good in this whole wide world."-Har-per's Weekly.

"Whativer made thes marry, John-and thes seventy?" Because I thowt, isd, it 'ud be nice to think there'd he some 'un to close my syss when time comed." "Close thes eyes! Why, mon, l'as had three wives, and they's all on 'em opened mina!"-Funch.

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body to cross.

